

Minutes of Age Friendly Committee Meeting January 11, 2023 - Approved

Present: Steve DeAngelis, Ed Dodge, Maggie Edmondson, Elaine Katz, Marianne Perry

Guest: Romaine Turin

Regrets: Eric Johnson

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Old Business:

Readfield U – Ed will be checking on availability of the church facility .

Maggie presented the current list of presenters that have responded.

Marianne reported on a long list of potential presenters that she has called

Extensive discussion of additional possibilities.

Maggie suggested that all presenters be encouraged to fill out the Teacher Information Form by Jan 20 so that she can put together the schedule of classes.

The plan is to send this information by Jan 27 so that it is in the February Messenger.

Maggie will schedule an organizational meeting for Wed. Jan 25 at 9 am to continue the planning process

It was decided that due to the uncertainty that COVID may continue to be a concern, we will not pursue the potluck dinner this year.

Senior Café – Steve reported that the Café is scheduled to begin Tuesday Jan 17. The first meeting will be an introduction, brainstorming topics for future discussion and students will talk about their art projects as well as serve café treats.

Joe Austin from Neighbors Driving Neighbors will talk about this exciting future opportunity to get people thinking about using this service and spreading the word.

Steve also indicated that although he will be present at the first meeting, he will not be available for future Tuesdays. Marianne said that she will be available for some future meetings.

NDN Update – Elaine will attend an organizational meeting next Wed Jan 18. The minimum requirements for Readfield to get started is to find 3 drivers and 3 participants. Hopefully that information will

be available by that meeting. In addition to publicizing this at the Senior Café, Elaine will reach out to the NDN director to see if they can do a presentation during Readfield U.

Food Pantry – Elaine had an informational discussion with Greg and Nancy Durgin. They explained that the Readfield Foodbank runs completely on donations and grants. Greg shared the food pantry wish list:

- Volunteer delivery drivers and packers
- Assistance with grant writing – we will look over our volunteer list
- Include food pantry information in AF publicity
- Help organize holiday ham/turkey donations and help with fundraising.

The AFC does not engage in direct fundraising activities but we will try to be supportive with finding volunteers and publicity.

Handy Helper Brochure Update – with so many projects requiring immediate attention, updating the brochure has been delayed but the intent is to focus

on this during the February meeting.

Comprehensive Plan – Elaine reported back that the CPC is setting up informational workshops, the first one will be Jan 28 from 10 – noon. These will be excellent opportunities to make sure

that age friendly perspectives are given voice. Elaine will be attending the next CPC meeting on Wed Jan 18 and will see if a Comprehensive Plan presentation can be scheduled as part of

Readfield U. Additionally, Steve reported that there is a new committee being organized to take a new look at the future development of the Fairgrounds ball fields etc. This committee

will be asking for representatives from all town committees. For the present time, Elaine volunteered to act as that representative.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 Whew!

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine